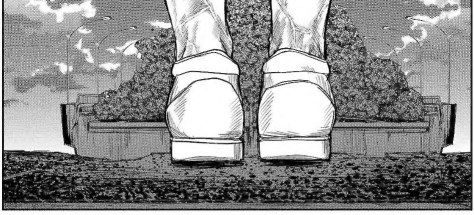

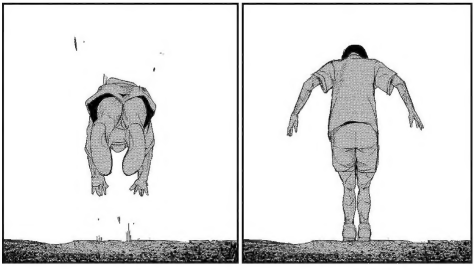

SPLAAAASH
BWOOSH
BWOOSH
BWOOSH

SLAP
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SPLASH
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SPLISH

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BLOOOP

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SLIPPASH

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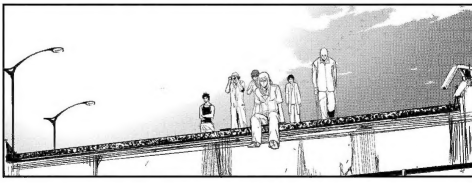

OKAY... "JUST LIKE THAT, NOW CLIMB THE PIER."

HE'S MADE IT TO THE PIER.
WHERE'S RIKKUN AT?

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JUST LIKE THAT!
RIK-KUUUUUUUUN!
CLIMB THE PIER!

RIKKUN, KEEP GOING!
ATTA BOY, RIKKUN! HE CLIMBS LIKE A CHAMP!
OOOH!
OOH.

WH-
HOW IN THE...
WHOO
WHOO

WHAT IS IT, RIKKUN?
WHA...
WH... WHY?
R-RIKKUN?

HUH?!
YOU WANT RIKKUN TO KIDNAP THE BOKOR?!
ARE YOU INSANE?!
DUDE, YOU SAW WHAT HAPPENED.
MAEDA CAN CONTROL RIKKUN SOME-HOW.
ER-
YEAH...
BUT...

WHOOOOOO
GLANCE
CRAAAAASH
CRAAAAASH
SSSSHHAAAA
SHOOOSH

THE TIME FOR TALK'S OVER!
PANT
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PANT
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PANT
NO, NO, NO! THIS IS IMPOSSIBLE!
IF RIKKUN GOES, THERE'S A CHANCE HE COMES BACK.
IF HE STAYS, MAEDA'S DEATH IS GUARANTEED.
LISTEN!
WHAT KIND OF PARENT WILLINGLY SENDS THEIR KID INTO DANGER?!
THIS ISN'T "RIKKUN RUNS HIS FIRST ERRAND," DUDE!
HUH?
PAT
PAT
I KNOW, BUT...
ZUBO
KONK

CHOOSE.
EITHER ONE KID GOES, OR THE OTHER KID GOES.
ERR, I...
AND DAMN!"
DOC.
HUH?

CORRECT.
THIS VACCINE WILL SAVE PEOPLE IN THE EARLY STAGES OF INFECTION, CORRECT?
IS IT COMPLETELY USELESS ON PEOPLE IN THE ADVANCED STAGE?
HUH?
HUH?
COM-PLETELY...
...
HRMM...

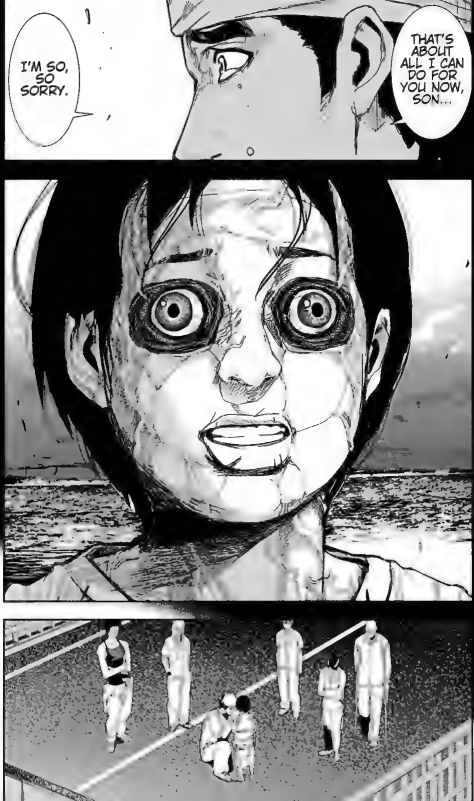
I WOULDN'T SAY THAT IT'S COMPLETELY 100% USELESS, NO
I EXPECT IT WOULD HALT ANY FURTHER PROGRESSION AND ALLEVIATE THE SYMPTOMS.
THERE YOU HAVE IT
STEP

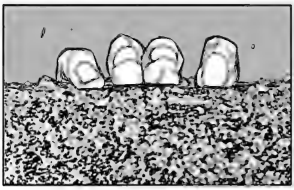
STAND
STEP
STEP
STEP
RIKKUN.
DO YOU REMEMBER?
BACK WHEN YOU WERE IN KINDER-GARTEN, WE WENT TO SEE A KAMEN RIDER MOVIE.
YOU SAID, "WHEN I GROW UP, I'M GONNA BE A RIDER, TOO." DO YOU REMEMBER THAT?

I GOT SUCH A KICK OUT OF THAT. I THOUGHT, "THAT'S MY BOY!"
WHEN I WAS YOUR AGE, I THOUGHT THE SAME THING...
IN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, YOU WROTE AN ESSAY ABOUT HOW YOU WANTED TO GROW UP TO BE A POLICE MAN.
BUT LATER...
IT MADE ME PROUD.
I WAS IMPRESESED THAT YOU TRULY WANTED TO BE ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS.

GO GET 'EM.
RIKKUN.
DON'T WORRY.
THE WORLD NEEDS YOU, BUDDY.
RIGHT NOW YOU MAY BE THE ONLY PERSON WHO CAN SAVE THE WORLD.
DAD'LL BE RIGHT BEHIND YOU, AND I'LL KEEP YOU SAFE.
AND DON'T BE AFRAID.

I'LL BE WATCHING THE WHOLE TIME.
LIKE WHEN YOU FIRST LEARNED TO RIDE YOUR BIKE.
AND AND IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG
YOUR DAD WON'T LET YOU BE ALL ALONE.
I'LL COME RIGHT AFTER YOU.


I'M SO, SO SORRY.
THAT'S ABOUT ALL I CAN DO FOR YOU NOW, SON...



SPLAT

AAAH, RIKKUN!
DODGE THE FALLING MONSTERS AND CLIMB THE MOUNTAIN!

THUD!
SMACK!

DASH

THAT'S IT! CLIMB! CLIMB!

GRAB

TIKA
TIKA
TIKA
TIKA
TIKA

WOBBLE
うね
うね
WOBBLE
OH, NO! THEY'RE TRYING TO SHAKE HIM OFF!
WATCH OUUUUUT!
SPLIT
カ

LEAP

KEEP GOING, KEEP GOING!
YES!

GRAB

SHINK
SHINK

CUT HER CHEST OPEN!
SLICE

CRUMBLE
HMM? WHAT'S...
THE MOUNTAIN!
IT'S COLLAPSING!
THE MOUNTAIN OF PEOPLE...
CRUMMMMMBLE

CRAAAAAAAAAH
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SHHHHHHH

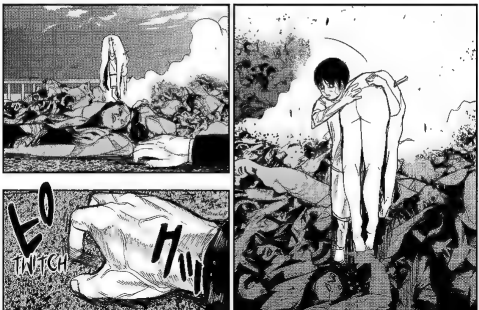
KH-
HWAA
AAA-
RI...

RI-

HEY, MAN.
YOU SEE RIKKUN YET?
I'M LOOKING, DAMN YOU!
SHIT.
RIKKUN...
RIKKUN...
AAA AAA AAH!
RI...

REALLY?!
IS HE OKAY?!
HE DID?!
HE DID IT! RIKKUN DID IT!
HE-

RIK-KUUUUUUN!
COME BACK!


TNTCH

SHUFF
SHUFF
SHUFF
DRAG
DRAGGY
SHUFF
SHUFF
SHUFF

STEP
STEP
STEP
STEP

TURN
HMM?
WH-
WHAT'S
THAT?!